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TWO CENTS.

AUSTRIANS TRY TO REFORM LINES

Importance of Italian Success Around Gorizia Becoming More Evident

BATTLE CONTINUING BEHIND THE CITY

Third Army, Under the Command of the Duke of Aosta, Which Is Still Bearing Brunt of Battle, Has Won High Praise.

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 11. — The importance of the Italian successes around Gorizia is becoming more evident hourly. The battle is continuing behind the city over a front of about 12 miles. The Austrians have retreated along the railroad in the direction of Dornberg eight miles southeast of Gorizia and over the national highway to Selon Pass, six miles to the east, and are now attempting to reform their front on a line extending from Vipacco to Tarnova.

Meanwhile the Austrians are attempting to take the offensive at Monte Nero and various other parts of the Italian front, but thus far have been unable to drive the Italians from their positions behind Gorizia. The third army, under command of the Duke of Aosta, which is still bearing the brunt of the fighting, has won high praise.

ROME, Aug. 11.—The number of prisoners taken by the Italians since the fall of Gorizia now exceeds 16,000, according to the report of the Italian press. The Italian cavalry are clearing the valleys of the retreating Austrians, and according to the correspondents the battle continues in favor of the Italians on both wings.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

French Have Begun Attack on German Positions North of Somme.

PARIS, August 11. — The French have opened a heavy bombardment on German positions north of the Somme, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

On the left bank of the Meuse the French took some prisoners in a raid on the German trenches east of Hill No. 204. On the right bank of the Meuse there was skirmishing with grenades about the Thionville work. On the rest of the front cannonading was intermittent.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

Activities Between Russians and Austrians All Along Front.

BERLIN, August 11, by wireless to Savoy.—Heavy fighting with the Russians all along the front in Galicia and northward in Volhynia is reported in the Austro-Hungarian headquarters' statement of Aug. 10. The repulse of the Russian attacks in various sectors is announced.

Centre Congregational Church

Sunday Services.

10.30 a. m.—Service of worship. Sermon by Rev. Perry C. Ladd of Mohawk, Ill.

11.45 a. m.—Sunday school.

Pictures of the present held during the Centre church centennial are on exhibition at Root's pharmacy, where an order book for the same has been left. Persons desiring pictures are asked to leave their names and addresses, ordering by the number on the back and stating whether they are to be mounted or unmounted. Price 25 cents each mounted; 20 cents unmounted. The pictures are to be paid for when delivered.

Friday at 7.30 p. m.—Midweek meeting of the church. Subject, The Slaves of Hate. Matt. 5:43-48; 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

First Baptist Church

Friday, August 11, at 7.30 p. m.—Rev. and Mrs. George J. Gels of Upper Burma will speak.

Rev. Paul Hayne of New Brunswick, N. J., will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday, August 13.

Take a Ride
—AND—
Take Dinner
SUNDAY
—AT—
Newfane Inn
E. A. WHITCOMB, Prop.
Newfane, Vt.
Ice Cream 25c Pint, 50c Quart

WIRELESS CALLS AROUSE NEW YORK

May Have Come from the German Merchant Submarine Bremen, en Route to This Country.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Two strange wireless calls for "telefunken station, New York," heard at Sandy Hook between 1 and 3 o'clock this morning, and the refusal of the sender to disclose his identity, lead to the supposition that the call might be from the German submarine Bremen. The caller signed his messages with the signal "DRU," which is the private signal of the North German Lloyd steamer Bremen, believed to be tied up in the port of New Orleans.

The mysterious caller would say only that he was on board a coal steamer. All German ships before the war used the telefunken call.

ANOTHER DECLINE IN CASES OF PARALYSIS

The Latest Report at New York Shows 31 Deaths and 165 New Cases in 24 Hours.

NEW YORK, August 11. — The epidemic of infantile paralysis showed another slight decline today and health experts were more hopeful that the cooler spell which struck the city yesterday would check the spread of the plague. The daily bulletin showed that during the 24 hour period ending at 10 a. m., 31 died of the disease and 165 new cases were reported in the five boroughs of New York city. Yesterday 38 children died and 175 were stricken.

BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS.

Gain North of Bazantia-le-Petit and Near Pozieres.

LONDON, August 11. — North of Bazantia-le-Petit and northwest of Pozieres on the Somme front the British have made further progress, it was announced officially here today.

The announcement follows: "Last night the enemy opened heavy machine gun and rifle fire on Highwood, followed by an artillery attack on the bank area. We replied effectively and no hostile attack developed. North of Bazantia-le-Petit we made further progress, taking a short length of trenches and inflicting considerable loss on the enemy."

NEW MUNITIONS ACT.

Senate Committee in Favor of Tax on Foreign Shipments.

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Democrats of the senate finance committee continued consideration today of the munitions act section in the pending revenue bill with every indication that this feature of the measure would be disposed of in time for submission to the caucus of senate Democrats tonight. The committee already virtually has agreed on a substitute for the munitions act which would provide for a net profit excise tax on all manufacturers selling goods to foreign governments.

VOICE IS AFFECTED.

Candidate Hughes Already Shows the Strain of Campaigning.

FARGO, North Dakota, August 11. — Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for president, left Fargo early today on a revised schedule that will enable him to deliver an evening address at Billings, Mont., tonight. The strain of campaigning has affected the nominee's voice, which was hoarse at times during his speech here last night that he had to stop frequently for a few seconds at a time, consequently there will be few speeches from the train.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS.

Germans Hit British War Vessels and Russian Aviation Stations.

BERLIN, August 11, via London.—Successful attacks on British war vessels off the Flesch coast and on Russian aviation stations on the island of Oesel off the gulf of Riga are announced in an admiralty statement issued today.

TAKE ANOTHER TOWN.

Russians Continuing Their Advance on the Sereth River.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 11.—The Russians are advancing on Sereth river in Galicia, the war office announced today. They have also entered the town of Monasterzyska, northwest of Stanislaw.

TURKEY HAS REFUSED.

Not Willing to Have U. S. Give Relief to Starving Thousands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Turkey has refused to grant the request of the United States that a neutral committee be permitted to undertake relief work in Syria, where thousands of native Christians are reported to be starving.

THE WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer Tonight—Saturday Probably Showers.

WASHINGTON, August 11. — The weather forecast: Fair and warmer tonight, Saturday probably showers. Light to moderate south winds.

MEDIATORS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL

Deadlock Still Exists in the Railroad Dispute in New York City

NATION-WIDE STRIKE STILL THREATENING

An All-Night Session Was Held—Unless a Change Comes Soon President Wilson May Be Called Upon by the Board to Intervene.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11. — After deliberating the greater part of the night, Commissioners Chambers, Knapp and Hanger of the United States board of mediation and conciliation were today no nearer a solution of the "deadlock" in the dispute between the four railroad brotherhoods and their employers than they were yesterday.

The efforts of the mediators to avert a nation-wide strike were virtually at a halt due to the fact, it was reported, that the railroads refuse to grant any concession other than arbitration, while the men hold to their firm stand for the granting of their demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

A formal request for 24 hours' delay in the negotiations was made by the federal board to the union men today and it was reported that the board, unless there was an unexpected change in the situation in that time, was prepared to suggest to President Wilson that he intervene.

Mr. Hanger, who appeared at the meeting to ask for the delay, took pains to point out, however, that no particular significance could be attached to the sudden change in their plans. He said that the board expected to continue its deliberations throughout the day and that by night fall some decision might be reached as to the time of the next meeting with one of the other side of the dispute.

MANY THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS

Difficulty in Carrying Relief into Cabin Creek Valley, Where 60 Lives Were Lost.

HUNTINGTON, West Virginia, August 11.—Rescue parties proceeded far into the mountain district today, carrying relief to thousands of homeless people in the Cabin creek valley which was swept by flood Wednesday, causing loss of more than 60 lives and property damage reaching millions. Progress was slow as many bridges have been washed out and the roads are blocked.

FIGHTING NEAR SALONIKI.

Allies Capture Dorian Railroad Station and Neighboring Hill.

PARIS, Aug. 11. — An attack by the Anglo-French forces at Dorian, 40 miles northwest of Saloniki, is reported in a Havas despatch from Saloniki. The allies occupied the Dorian railway station and a neighboring hill. In front of the captured positions, the despatch says, the bodies of numerous Bulgarians were found. The attack was preceded by a violent bombardment. At other points along the front artillery fighting continued with patrol engagements along the Serbian border.

TWELVE CASES TODAY.

Infantile Paralysis Reported to the Massachusetts State Board.

BOSTON, August 11.—Twelve cases of infantile paralysis were reported today to the state department of health, making a total of 63 since August 1 was compared with 110 in July. Westfield and North Adams, where a close study of the disease has been made by the department, each reported a case.

PRESIDENT ON STUMP.

Has Decided to Make a Speaking Trip Across Continent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—President Wilson practically has decided to make a speaking trip across the continent. No details of the tour have been arranged, but it was understood today that his itinerary would be worked out within the next few weeks.

PERSONAL.

F. W. Conne of the city waterworks of Cambridge was in town yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. McLoud, who had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Hattie Daniels, went today to the White Mountains.

CAN'T KILL GOOD IRISHMAN WORKING

Corporal John J. Garrity Writes Mother from Eagle Pass—"It Is Great Here Now." He Says.

Corporal John J. Garrity of Company I writes his mother, Mrs. P. Garrity of Clark street, from Eagle Pass, Texas, under date of August 5, that he is still holding his weight. "They can't kill a good Irishman working, and we work. Pellett and I sleep side by side. There are 10 boys in our tent and the beauty of it is that we have a great time together. We do not mind the heat. It is great here now. I imagine we are going to stay here a while because they are putting up buildings here for a permanent camp. Pellett has charge of them all and they are all going up under his supervision. "We are all some tired boys tonight. We hiked 12 miles today, the first real hike we have had. It was certainly a great one, but we cannot stand them every day."

He mentions the arrival of Ben. Weeden and of how glad the boys were to see him and touch his citizen clothes.

WATERMAN CASE TO START AUGUST 22

Accounting Suit Will Be Carried On Without Interruption Until Finished—Sessions Here.

The hearing before B. L. Stafford of Rutland, appointed auditor in the case of Judge E. L. Waterman against the estate of the late Judge J. L. Martin for an accounting covering their law partnership, will open here August 22 at 9 o'clock. The hearing is to be continued daily, with the exception of Sunday, until completed and the report of the auditor is to be filed on or before September 1. The hearing will last several days.

HINSDALE, N. H.

BANNER OUTDOOR EVENT.

St. Joseph's Parish Lawn Party and Dance Largely Attended.

The annual lawn party and dance under the auspices of St. Joseph's parish, Rev. P. S. Cahill pastor, took place last evening and as usual was largely attended and proved to be a very successful outdoor event of the season. Both socially and financially. A beautiful supper was served to a large number from 5.30 to 8 o'clock, after which four hours of dancing was enjoyed on the new open air platform. Excellent music was furnished by Lyman's orchestra. The grounds were brilliantly lighted and the various booths presented an attractive appearance and all did a flourishing business throughout the evening. A special feature of the evening's enjoyment was the entertainment staged by J. E. Mann and given under his direction in the outdoor theater. The special scenery used was painted by Mr. Mann.

The entertainment, which consisted of a minstrel show followed by a clever and amusing play, delighted several audiences and made a pronounced hit. The musical numbers were well rendered and the "human xylophone" performed cleverly.

The success of the party was due largely to the earnest efforts of the various committees, which were as follows:

General committee, James O'Brien chairman, M. D. White treasurer, F. J. Young secretary.

Dance, Joseph Bergeron chairman, E. L. Morin, Oliver Houle, Robert Quigley.

Supper, Mrs. James Redding chairman, Mrs. Elmer Lasher.

Ice-cream, Miss Ann McCaughy, Miss Ellen and Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Annie White.

Domestic booth, Miss O'Brien, Miss Belle Nealon, Miss Bridget Raleigh, Miss Theresa Coll and Margaret O'Connell.

Flower booth, Miss Hargie White, Miss Abbie La Chance, Miss Flora Morin.

Candy booth, Miss Alice La Chance, Miss Agnes Cockerly.

Lemonade booth, Miss Minnie Maginnis, Miss Molly O'Connor, Miss Jennie Lynch.

Popcorn, Miss Henrietta Young.

Fish pond, Mrs. Joseph Boucher. Dolls, William Gilliland, Thomas O'Connell, Joseph Le Vasseur and George Ammann.

COAL SITUATION CAUSES CONCERN

Shortage in Supply, Scarcity of Help, Freight Rates Are High

LOCAL DEALER SAYS PROSPECT IS BAD

Warning Issued by Dealers' Association—Practically No Storage Coal on Hand, Which Means that Season Is Started with Handicap.

According to the New England Coal Dealers' association men who failed to enlist and accept service on the Mexican border are due to be very sorry before many months. Not that the coal dealers' association itself plans any drastic measures to aid the government in recruiting the army and the National Guard, but it predicts shortage in the commodity generally used to furnish fuel for fires.

Before the winter is over someone along the Connecticut may feel impelled to write a companion piece to the poem now being circulated among the soldiers in the south entitled Hell on the Rio Grande.

The coal dealers' association has sent broadcast to the press of the New England states a circular letter which is filled with dire forebodings. Apparently there is nothing right about the coal situation. It appears to be undisputed that there is yet some coal to be mined, but there is lack of men to mine it; not enough has been mined for the last year or two to keep up with the demand; embargo on some of the railroads have held up shipments; even if the railroads are not working in normal waters water transportation facilities are scarce; freight rates are high—and there are other reasons. The letter follows:

Editor of The Reformer:—We believe it is for the interest of your readers to know the conditions now existing in the anthracite coal trade.

April, 1916, there was mined nearly two million tons less than in the corresponding month in 1915. In May, 1916, nearly one-half a million tons less. During this period in 1916 there was labor trouble which, according to the newspapers, was settled, but which, in accordance to the facts existing in the mining regions, was not settled. There was practically no storage coal on hand April 1, except small quantities in the hands of the retail dealers. This means that we start out this season with a handicap. Labor shortage exists in the mining regions as it does everywhere else.

It is well known to colliery owners that if the mines are in full operation, they cannot produce an amount of coal in excess of our requirements. Furthermore, transportation facilities are in a most serious condition. One of our big New England lines has been obliged recently to indict an embargo to relieve congestion, which means that for a period of time no anthracite coal could be shipped from the mines consigned via this particular railroad's lines. This is unprecedented at this time of the year.

Transportation facilities by water are scarce. Water freight rates are extremely high for this season. It is up to the consumer himself to say whether or not we shall have abnormally high priced coal next winter. The consumer is as much interested in storing coal at this season as anyone else. Every person who purchases coal now, has it delivered, and pays for it promptly is doing his part toward relieving the situation, and the risk of shortage next winter.

It is extremely important that we should all do our part to prevent high prices which will be brought about through transportation and coal scarcity, thus causing much suffering and hardship to the improvident, or those who, because of their method of living, cannot store goods for the future.

We trust you are willing to put this matter before your readers, and thereby greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,
NEW ENGLAND COAL DEALERS' ASS'N., W. A. Clark, President.

E. B. Barrows was handed the letter and asked to comment upon it. He amplified and emphasized and when he had finished, the wording of the letter appeared weak and scandalously inadequate to convey the prospects of a cheerless winter.

Not but what Mr. Barrows intends to do all that he can but he pointed out that with chestnut and stove coal now selling at \$8.75 per ton and egg coal, the usual furnace size, only 25 cents less, there is a certainty of a 10-cent increase Sept. 1 and nobody knows what is to follow.

"Where does the man on a fixed salary get off?" Mr. Barrows was asked. "He don't," was the reply. "I cannot see where he has a chance and I do not see any hope for better things in my line of trade until after next winter, if then."

He was able to find more real reason for the increase in the cost of coal and the scarcity of that commodity than are dealers in such commodities as flour and sugar and meats.

In the first place there was 10 per cent less coal mined last year than was mined the year before. Since the war in

OLD STATION TO BE DEMOLISHED

Central Vermont Freight House to Be Moved West—B. & M. Freight House to Be Used for Storage.

It is expected that within a short time after the old railroad station is vacated Saturday work of demolishing the old building will be begun. Other changes are to be made which will include the moving west about 15 feet of the Central Vermont freight house, the extending of the platforms and the building of an office in connection with it. The moving of the building will permit the laying of a second track east of the house, which is necessary in order to handle the freight business.

The freight house built by the Boston & Maine railroad and now being used by both roads, is to be used for storage purposes and all freight business transacted in the freight house on Vernon street which will do away with much of the present teaming in the freight yard.

UNIVERSALISTS BUY EELS HOUSE

Acquire Property Adjoining Church at Favorable Price in Return for Concessions to A. B. Clapp.

In a meeting of the Universalist parish last evening it was voted to buy of A. B. Clapp the house and land next east of the church property on Canal street, known as the Eels house. The parish recently bought Mr. Clapp the so-called Harvey property in the rear of the church. The sale last night was at a favorable price because of the agreement of the church to permit Mr. Clapp to cut down the width of the driveway from South Main street to the Harvey property to eight feet. The driveway is now 11 1/2 feet wide and to cut it down to eight feet will increase the value of Mr. Clapp's property adjoining it. The church buys the Eels place for the sake of controlling it.

BRINGS ACTION TO RECOVER \$5,000

Sherman Carbide Co. of Whittingham Defendant in Suit Brought by Etta E. Knibbs of Worcester.

Etta E. Knibbs, executrix of the estate of the late John W. Knibbs of Worcester, Mass., has brought suit in the county court against the Sherman Carbide Co. of Whittingham to recover \$5,000 loaned to the concern in 1913. The papers are from the office of H. G. & F. E. Barber.

SIXTH NORTH ADAMS DEATH.

Latest Victim of Infantile Paralysis a Girl Two Years Old.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., August 11.—The sixth death in this city from infantile paralysis took place yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The child was Marion Whitney, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seva Whitney of 4 Whitman street. The case had been reported to the board of health as paralysis only a few hours before death occurred. The child had been ill several days, and the attending physician believed the illness to be nothing more than the usual summer complaint of children until on his visit yesterday he found the child paralyzed. There are six other children in the family, but none of them have yet shown signs of illness. The Whitney home is far removed from the other parts of the city where paralysis has appeared, and the health authorities are at a loss to explain the manner of infection.

MRS. KIMBALL TO LEAVE INN.

Will Give Up Saxtons River Hostelry October 1.

Mrs. F. B. Kimball, who has been in charge of the Inn at Saxtons River, has notified the syndicate which owns the place that she will sever her connection with it October 1. Members of the syndicate held a meeting upon receipt of the notice, but what the future of the Saxtons River hotel will be is not known. Although Mrs. Kimball has been conducting the Inn in a manner that is not often found in a small village it has not been patronized on as large a scale as to make it advisable for her to continue, it is believed. The meals served at the Inn have been especially good. Because the general belief is that Vermont academy will not reopen in the fall the natural supposition is there will be even less patronage next winter than last year.

HUGHES ALMOST LEFT BEHIND.

Train Starts Off Without Republican Nominee and His Wife.

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 11. — Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hughes were nearly left behind by their special train at Hillsboro, en route to Fargo, yesterday afternoon. The Republican nominee for president spoke for a few minutes from the rear platform at Hillsboro, after which with Mrs. Hughes he alighted to shake hands with the villagers.

The train crew took the applause to mean the end of the reception and the train started. It was stopped after going 50 feet with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes following aboard.

"Don't run, mother," said the candidate to his wife. "If we get left we'll be in a good town."

SHOT YOUNG WIFE IN JEALOUS RAGE

Mrs. Eugene Weeks of Westport, N. H., Dies in Keene Hospital

HUSBAND CAUGHT A MILE FROM HOME

Jumped Into River, but Officers Found that He Climbed Out Again—River Was Dragged—Said to Have Threatened His Father.

(Special to The Reformer.)

KEENE, N. H., Aug. 11. — A fatal shooting which stirred the hamlet of Westport, in the town of Swanzy, occurred last evening about 8 o'clock, when Eugene Weeks of Westport in a fit of jealousy, fired three bullets at his wife, all of which took effect.

Immediately after the shooting Weeks jumped into the Ashuelot river, but climbed out again and at 2.15 o'clock this afternoon he arrived at the Keene jail in charge of Constable C. R. Nash of West Swanzy, who found him in the Coombs bridge, about a mile from his home.

Mrs. Weeks was brought to the Elliot City hospital in Keene by George Scott, who was passing in an automobile. She died at 2.20 this afternoon.

One of the bullets, which afterwards was found in the house, made a scalp wound. Another lodged in her chest and a third entered her abdomen.

Week's son, Charles, aged 7, followed his father to the river, and says he saw him jump in. The boy has a cut on one foot which was thought to have been made by a stray bullet, but which probably was made by a barbed wire fence near where his father jumped into the water.

Sheriff E. H. Lord, Deputy Sheriff F. J. Bennett, Marshal Philbrick and County Solicitor P. H. Faulkner of Keene went to Westport last night to investigate the case, but were unable to locate Weeks.

The officers did not believe that Weeks committed suicide, as they found a place on the river bank, on the same side where Weeks went in, that appeared to have been made by somebody climbing out of the water. They also found a place where the grass had been trampled down. It was on a knoll where a person lying down might obtain a good view of the house.

Week's father and mother live about 100 feet from his house. They have an automobile which the young man's wife had driven considerably. Weeks is said to have been of such a disposition that he did not like to see his wife enjoy herself, and it is believed that he was jealous of his father. He is said to have threatened to kill both his wife and his father.

He is about 32 years old and has been a resident of Westport for many years. He married his second wife, whom he shot last evening, last winter. She was 22 and was Mary Green of Greene, R. I., and with her husband, his son and the older Mr. Weeks, had recently returned from a visit with her parents in Rhode Island.

BERLIN ADMITS REVERSES.

Tentons Forced to Give Way to the Russians on Galician Front.

BERLIN, August 11, via London.—Austro-German troops in the region of Monasterzyska at points on the Dniester and in the Bystritsa river regions of Galicia have been compelled to give way because of the superiority of hostile forces at some places, says today's war office statement. Counter attacks brought the engagements to a standstill and a regrouping of the Tenthion forces is now taking place.

Elizabeth Cochran ("Nellie Bly") was the first woman to make a trip around the world, unattended.

Elizabeth Blackwell, in 1849, received the first medical diploma granted to a woman in the United States.

GENUINE GOLDEN R TOBACCO

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